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That the Sheriffe and Iustices of the Peace shal immediately vpon the receipt of these orders, assemble them selues together in as much speede as they possible may: And hauing conferred amongst them selues vpon the contentes hereof, shal first for the better execution of the same, deuide themselves into sundry companies, and take amongst them into their charge by seuerall diuisions all the Hundreds, Rapes, or wapentakes of the said Countie.

Item, euery companie so allotted out, shall forthwith direct their Preceptes vnto the Sheriffe to warne the high Constables, vnder Constables, and other the most honest and substantiall inhabitants within the same Hundred, Rape, or wapentake, to the number of xxxvi. persons, moe or fewer, as the quantitie of the

That the Iustices shal deuide them selues into sundrie parts to execute these orders.

To appoynt sundrie Iustices to inquire of things hereafter following.

A. ii. Hundred,

Hundred, Rape, or wapentake shall require, to
 appeare before them at a certaine place, and
 within as short time after the receipt hereof as
 they cōueniently may, and vpon the apparance
 of the sayde persons, they shall deuide them into
 so many Iuries, as they shall thinke meete, gi-
 uing instructiō to the saide Sheriffe to returne
 as fewe of such as be knowen great ffarmours
 for Corne, or that haue store of graine to sell as
 he can. And such of the persons so warned as
 shal not appeare, but make default being som-
 moned, and not hauing any iust or reasonable
 excuse allowable by the Iustices, to bee puni-
 shed therefore at the good discretions of the Ju-
 stices, both by Imprisonment and fine, before
 whome they are to appeare.

Item, they shall first declare to the parties
 appearing, the cause why they are sent for, and
 therewith earnestly charge them in the feare of
 God, to applie themselves to the seruice where-
 unto they shalbe now called, with all duetiful-
 nesse and diligence, and without any parciali-
 tie to any person, and then they shall giue them
 the Oth following.

The Iuries Othe.

The Othe
 of the Ju-
 rors, with
 charge to in-
 quire what
 number of
 persons be in
 the houses
 of them that
 haue store of
 Corne.

YOU shall sweare &c. that you shal enquire,
 and make true and due search and triall,
 what number of persons euery housholder
 that hath Corne in their Barnes, Stacks or
 other where, as well Iustices of the Peace
 as others whatsoeuer, within the Parish of
 haue in their houses
 feeding, lying and byriling, or otherwise to be
 fed:

fed: what number of Acres they haue certaine-
ly to be sown this yeere with any manner of
Graine: what Bargaines they haue made
with any person for any kinde of Graine to bee
solde, by, or to them: to whome and by whome,
and vpon what prices they haue made & same,
and what quantitie of any manner of Graine,
they, or any other haue in their Barnes, Grai-
ners, Loftes, Sellers, or Floozes, or otherwise
to be deliuered vnto them vpon any Bargaine.

Item, what number of Badgers, Wydders, for Bad-
gers, Wyg-
gers & Car-
riers of
Corne. Bzoggers or Carriers of Corne inhabite with-
in the said Parish, and whither they doe vse to
carie their Corne which they doe buy, and
where they doe usually buy the same, and what
their names be, and howe long they haue vsed
that trade, and by whose Licence, and to see
the same Licences of what tenor they are of.

Item, what number of Mault makers, Ba- Malt ma-
kers, Ba-
kers, and
Brewers. kers, common Brewers or Tiplers dwell
within the sayde Parish, and who they are by
name, & howe long they haue vsed that trade,
and howe much they bake or brewe in the
weeke, and what other trade they haue where-
by otherwise to liue.

Item, who within the sayde Parish be the Buyers of
Corne to sel
again. great buyers of Corne, or do vse to buy, or haue
bought any Corne or Graine to sell againe, or
haue solde it againe since Midsommer last.

Item, who within the same Parish buieth Buyers of
Corne vpon
the ground. or haue bought or solde any Graine vpon the
grounde, of whome, and to whome hath the
same beene bought or solde, and at what price,
and to certifie vnto vs of the Premisses, and of
A iii. euery

every part thereof, on the day of
now next comming: And to every part of these
Articles you shall bring answer from point to
point.

Against
such as shall
refuse to de-
clare the
trueth of
the matters
inquirable.

And if any shall refuse to declare the trueth,
of, or concerning the Premises, or of any part
thereof, to any the Jurours aforesaide, requi-
ring the same for their better information: the
Jurours shall bee enformed that such person
vpon the information of the sayd Jurour, shall
be conuented before the Justices of the Peace
of the saide Division, or any two of them, and
sharply rebuked, or if neede be, punished for his
contempt. And if the partie so called in questi-
on, shall not declare the full trueth thereof to
the sayd Justices, hee shall be committed by the
sayde Justices to the common Gaile as a per-
son bound for his good behaviour, and so to be
continued without Baile, untill hee shall con-
forme himselfe therein, or otherwise at the dis-
cretions of the sayd Justices, he shall be bound
in a good summe of money to make apparance
before the Lords of her Maiesties priue Coun-
cell, to answer vnto his contempt in that be-
halfe, for further punishment and fine, for ex-
ample of all such disobedient persons.

Parties of-
fending to
appeare a-
fore the
Counsell.

A conside-
ration of all
persons that
haue Cozne,
to determine
howe they
shall serue
the markets
with such
portions as
they may
spare.

That the saide Justices of the Peace having
receiued into their hands the verdict of the said
Juries answering to every pointe of their
charge, shall call at certaine dayes by them to
bee assigned, such persons before them of every
Parish, as vpon the presentment so made shall
appeare to haue Come to spare, and vpon
due consideration of the number of persons,
which

which euery person hath in his house, according to their qualities, and of the quantitie of Graine, that the partie hath towarde the finding of the same, or otherwise to be spent in his house and sowing of his groundes, allowing to euery Householder for his expences in his house, for euery person thereof according to their qualitie, sufficient Corne for bread and drinke betweene this and the nexte Haruest, and for their seede after the rate of the sowing of that Countrey vpon an Acre. And then they shall binde all such as shall appeare to haue more of any kinde of Graine, then shall serue to the vbles aboue mentioned, as well Iustices of the Peace as others, by Recognizance, in some good reasonable summe of money, to obserue the orders ensuing. viz.

We doe knowledg your selfe to
owe vnto our Soueraigne La-
dy the Queenes Maiestie, &c.
the summe of &c.

The forme
of the recog-
nizance to be
freely taken.

The condition thereof shalbe, that if ye shall well and truly without fraude, couine, or collusion, and without any maner deceite or craft fulfill, obserue and keepe, all and euery such orders, appointments and directions, as shall at this present be by vs on her Maiesties behalfe prescribed and enioyned vnto you to be by you done and fulfilled: Then this Recognizance to be boide, or els to stand in force.

The

The orders to be obserued, are these, viz.

Orders to
be obserued
by such as
shall be ap=
pointed to
serue the
Markets
with Corne
for the re=
liefe of the
poore people
first.

To whome
Corne shall
be sold after
that the
poore are
serued.

Ye shall bring, or cause to bee brought weekly so many Quarters or bushels of corne, as wheat, Rye, Barley, Mault, Peazon, Beanes, or other Graine, or so much thereof as shall not be directly solde to the poore Artificers or day Laborers of the Parish within which you dwell, by order of the Iustices of the Peace of the Division within which you dwell, or two of them to the Market of there to be by you, or at your assignement solde vnto the Queenes Subjects in open Market by halfe Quarters, two Bushels, one Bushell or lesse, as the buyer shall require of you, and not in greater quantitie, except it be to a Badger or Carrier of Corne admitted according to the Statute, or to a common known Brewer or Baker, hauing testimonie vnder the hand and seale of such two Iustices of the Peace at the least of the Division, or of a Maior or other head Officer of the Citie, Towne, or Borough corporate where he dwelleth, that he is common Brewer or Baker within the same: or to such other person as shall make prouision for any Lord Spirituall or Temporall, Knight, or any other Gentleman that hath no prouision of Corne, so as the same person haue and shew vnto such person as shall haue the ouersight of the Market in that behalfe, testimonie vnder the hand and seale of the partie for whom he cometh to the Market to make that prouision, declaring

claring that it is for the prouision of his house, and contayning the quantities and kinde of Graine to be prouided: And you shall not willingly leaue any part of your Corne so brought to that Market vsolde, if money be offered to you for the same, by any that are permitted to buy the same, after the vsuall price of the Market there that day, as long as the Market shall last.

Neither shall you from the beginning of the Market, to the full end thereof, keepe or cause to be kept any of your saide Corne out of the open sight of the Market: neither shall you carry away from the Market Towne any kinde of Graine that was brought thither which you haue not there solde, but shall leaue the same there in the Market Towne in some place knowen, so as it may be brought into the open Market the next market day at the first opening of the Market, there to be solde as afore was limited. And yet neuerthelesse, you shall bring to the Market such other quantitie of Graine as shalbe limited, and so continue at euery market day the bringing into the open Market, the quantitie of Corne that shall be limited.

Also you shall not buy any maner of such Graine as we shal appoint you to sel, from this day forwardes, but vpon very especiall and necessarie cause to be allowed by vs, vntill such time as all and euery such maner Graines as we at this time shall appoint you to sell, be according to our appointment and order by you solde. And if you shall not some so much this

No Corne brought to the Market vsolde, to be caried out of the towne.

None to buy such kinde of Corne as they shall bring to sel, but by warrant vpon reasonable cause.

peere as the Iurie hath presented that ye intend to sowe, or if you nowe haue, or shall haue knowledge, or shall gesse hereafter at any time, either by thrashing of the Howe or Shoches or otherwise, that ye haue more store of any manner of Graine, then the Iurie hath presented vnto vs: that then ye shall forthwith vpon such knowledge thereof had, make true relation thereof vnto vs, or vnto two of vs, both what portion of your seede Corne shalbe left vnsworn, or what further quantitie you shall perceiue you haue, then was at the first presented.

That so soone as you perceiue you spend not after the rate of so much Corne as wee haue limited vnto you for the finding of your house, ye shall make true report vnto vs or two of vs, howe much lesse ye spend.

No Corne
to be bought
for to sell
again.

Ye shall buy no Corne to sell it againe, neither shall you by any colour directly or indirectly, appoint any your seruants, or any other person to be a Badger of your Corne, other then to carie your Corne to the Market there to be solde as your owne, without changing of any propertie.

No Corne
to be bought
but in open
Market.

Ye shall neither buy or sell any manner of corne, but in the open Market, vnlesse the same be to some poore handicraftesmen, or day labourers within the Parish wherein you doe dwell, that cannot conveniently come to the market Townes, by reason of distance of place, according to such direction as shalbe giuen vnto you in that behalfe by vs the Iustices of the Peace of that Diuision within which you doe dwell, or two of vs, and to none of these aboue one

one Bushell at a time, and thereof you shall keepe or cause to be kept a particuler note in writing to whom you shal so sel weekly, and at what prices, so as the same may appeare to the Justices to be done without fraude or abuse.

That the Justices of the Peace within their severall Divisions haue speciall regard that Ingrossers of Corne be carefully seene vnto, and inquisitions to be made for knowledge of them, so as they may be severely punished according to the Law: And where such are found, to make Certificates, their names and dwellings, and of the proofes to the Queenes Maiesties Attorney generall for the time being, who is directed speedily to enforce against them for the same, and to see that none be permitted to buy any Corne to sell againe, but by speciall Licence, and that of all maner of Licences by Justices of the Peace or by any other authority, the parties that shall haue such Licences, shall cause an entrie to be made in the booke of the Peace remaining with the Custos Rotulorum, or the Clerke of the Peace, for entrie whereof the partie shall not pay aboue two pence, and thereof the Custos Rotulorum, or the Clerke shall keepe a good Register to be shewed to the Justices, whensoever they shall require the sight thereof.

That they take order with the common Bakers for the baking of Rye, Barley, Pease, and Beanes for the vse of the poore, and that they appoint speciall and fit persons diligently to see the people well dealt withall by the common Bakers and Brewers in all Townes and places

Inquire to be made against Engrossers.

An order for all licences for the Justices of the Peace, to be kept in a record.

Regard to the Bakers for keeping of the use of bread.

Bread faultie in any excelle to be solde towards the reliefe of the pooze.

No Badger to buy Corn but in open Market, and with a sufficient licence in writing.

The Badgers to shew weekly their bookes of buying.

ces in their weightes and Assizes, having also regard, that the Deputies of the Clerke of the Market doe not abuse themselves in unlawful exactions for weight & Measure, and effectually to enquire for and search out the default therein, and thereupon to giue order for punishment of the offendor severely, according to the Law: and where any notable excessive offence shalbe in the Bakers, to cause the bread to be solde to the poorer sort vnder the ordinarie prices, as in part of punishment of the Baker.

That no Badgers of Corne, Bakers or Brewers, buy any Graine, or commune or bargain for the same, but in the time of open Markets, and that but by Licence vnder the hands of the Justices of the Division where they doe dwell, or three of them, and that they weekly bring their Licence with them to the Market where they doe either buy or sell, or els not to be suffered to buy any: And that the Licence containe how much Graine, of what kinde, & for what place they are licenced to buy and carry, that there be set downe vpon the Licence in writing, the day, place, quantitie, and price at which the Corne is bought, that they take but measurably for the cariage, baking, and brewing thereof, that they shew their bookes weekly to such as the Justices of the Division wherein they dwell, shall appoint for that purpose being no Bakers or Badgers of Corne, and that those within euery xiiii. dayes make report to the Justices of the Division wherein they dwell, howe the people are dealt withall by the Badgers, Bakers, and Brewers, and that such as haue sufficient

ficient to liue on, or that are knowen to be of any common euill behauiour, be not permitted to be Badgers of Corne, of which sort commonly the report is that there are too many, and therefore the same would be remedied and foreseene: Also that no Badgers be permitted but such as the Statute doeth limit, and that no seruant of any be licenced to be a Badger, except sixe of the Iustices at the least shall in open Sessions for some necessarie cause allowe any such, & that none at all be allowed a Badger, except he be allowed in open sessions, & not to be, as it is in many places, abused for gaine of the Clerke of the Peace, or a Iustices Clerke, graunted without allowance of the rest of the Iustices in their open Sessions. And furthermore, that none be permitted to buy or prouide Corne in the Market in grosse, as a Badger or Baker, Brewer, or Puruelour and such like, vpon paine of imprisonment, vntill one houre or more after the full Market be begun, that the poore may be first serued.

That the said Iustices, or two or one of them at the least in euery Diuision, shalbe personally present at euery market within their seueral Diuisions, during the whole time of the market, to see the orders to bee taken by the authoritie hereof to be well obserued, and the poore people prouided of necessarie Corne, and that with as much fauour in the prices, as by their earnest perswasion of the Iustices can bee obtained. By this it is not ment to charge any Lorde of Parliament, being a Iustice of Peace, to attende vpon any such seruice in any market, other.

No Iustices seruāt to be a Badger, nor none other, but such as shall be licensed in open sessions.

No Badger, Baker, Brewer, or Puruelour to buy Graine, vntill an houre after the full Market beginne.

Some Iustices to be present in the Market, to see the poore relieved vpon reasonable prices.

other wise then it shall bee with his owne good will: but in all other causes tending to the execution of these orders, it is hoped that euery person of any estate, will readily giue aduice and assistance.

where Iu-
stices are
wanting in
any hun-
dred, for to
appoynt
some riche
persons to
supply the
want.

If there shall be any Hundred, Rape, or wapentake, within the saide Countie, within the which or neere therein to no sufficient number of the said Iustices of the Peace do dwell or inhabite, the saide Sheriffe and foure Iustices of the Peace of that Countie, shall in that case appoint some other honest Gentleman, or the high Constables, vnder Constables, or such other graue, honest, and substantiall persons, not being Corne masters, dwelling within the said Hundred, Rape or wapentake, as they shall by their discretions thinke conuenient, to haue the charge, doing the execution of these orders there: whom they shall also instruct how to execute the same diligently and vprightly.

That mini-
sters & pre-
achers exhort
the rich sort
to be liberall
to helpe the
more with
mony or vic-
tual needful.

That all good meanes and perswasions bee vsed by the Iustices in their seuerall Diuisions, and by admonitions and exhortations in Sermons in the Churches, by the Preachers and ministers of the Worde, that the poore may bee serued of Corne at conuenient and charitable prices. And to the furtherance thereof, that the richer sort bee earnestly moued by Christian charitie, to cause their Graine to be solde vnder the common prices of the Market to the poorer sort: A deede of mercie, that wil be doubtlesse rewarded of Almighty God.

That there be no buying or bargaining of any kinde of Corne but in open Market, and that

that the Iustices in their severall Divisions, restraine comon Maultsters of making Barlie Mault, in those Countreys and places where there be Dates sufficient to make Mault of for the vse of the people, and to restraine as well the brewing of Barlie mault, by or for Alehouses or common Tiplers in those Countreys and places, as also the excesse vse of any kinde of Mault, by al common Brewers, Maultsters, and common Tiplers, according to the true meaning of this Article: And that the unnecessary number of Alehouses and common Tiplers, be forthwith suppressed in all places, and that direction bee given to all Tipling houses, Tavernes and Alehouses, not to suffer any persons to repaire thither to eate and drinke at unseasonable times, or to continue in such houses longer, then to satisfie their necessitie of eating and drinking.

That the Iustices vse all other good meanes possible that are not mentioned in these orders, that the Markets may be well serued, and the poore relieved in their provisions during this time of dearth. And that no expence of any Graine meete for bread to feede men, be wasted vpon feeding of dogges or other beastes, neither that any be spent in making stufte called Starche, as of late there hath bene discovered great quantitie expended in that vaine matter, being in no sort to bee suffered to continue, the rather also for that there are other things not hurtfull to the foode of man, that may serue for such purposes, if such purposes at least were requisite.

To make Mault of otes in countreys where there hath bene vse thereof.

No wast of bread Corne superfluously, nor any expence thereof but for feeding of people.

None suffered to make Starch of any Graine.

That

Able poore
people to bee
set to worke.

That the Iustices be straightly commanded to see by all good meanes, that the able people be set on worke in houses of Correction prouided and furnished, and there idle vagabounds to be punished.

Stockes of
money for
prouision of
worke for
poore peo-
ple.

That the Iustices doe their best to haue conuenient stockes of money or wares, to be prouided in euery Diuision, or other places according to the Statute, for setting the poore on worke, and the Iustices to vse all other good and polittique meanes within their seuerall Diuisions, to continue and mainteine the poore people in worke within the Parish, or at the furthest within the Hundred, or Diuision, and namely in clothing Countreys to charge the Clothiers, & haue in former times gained by that trade, not nowe in this time of dearth to leaue off his trade, whereby the poore may bee set on worke.

Clothiers to
continue
their worke
folkes.

Souldiers
hurt, & im-
potent peo-
ple, to be re-
lieued in
their dwell-
ing places.

That the maymed and hurt Souldiour, and all other impotent persons, be carefully seene vnto to bee relieved within their seuerall Parishes, Hundreds or Diuisions, according to the Lawe therein prouided: and that where the prouisions formerly made, and assessed vpon the householders in euery Parish be not sufficient, it may be nowe for this time of dearth charitably encreased. And where any Parish is not able to giue sufficient reliefe to such their poore, that Parish to haue the supply of such other parishes neere adioyning, as haue fewer poore, and are better able to giue reliefe. And no vagabonde or sturdie begger, or any that may otherwise get their liuing by their labours, be
suffered

suffered to wander abroade vnder colour of begging in any Towne, feldes or high way, and that the Iustices doe presently giue order that there be able persons appointed, and sufficiently weaponed, to assist the Constables of euery Towne to attache such vagabondes, both in their Townes, fildes and high wayes, and to commit them to prison without bayle of any such, but as two of the Iustices of the Peace within that Division shall order. And if any Towneship shall not obserue this order, for the attaching and punishing of the saide vagabonds, then the Iustices shall see due punishment by fine vpon the whole Towneship, or vpon such parties in the Towne, as shall bee found in fault.

Where in some partes of the Realme, diuers Millers, who ought only to serue for grinding of Corne that shall bee brought to their milles, haue begun lately a verie corrupt trade, to bee common buyers of Corne, both in markets, and out of markets, and the same doe grinde into meale, and doe vse as Badgers, or otherwise to sell the same at markets and in other places, seeking therby an inordinate gayne, besides the misusing of other mens Corne brought thither to be ground, by delay of grinding, or, that worse is, by changing & altering of their good Corne to the worse: It is thought very necessarie, that the Iustices of the peace who are not owners by any title of any Milles, nor masters or landlords to any Millers, shal first inhibite all Millers vpon payne both of imprisonment and fine, to vse any such trade of buying of any graine to

That no Millers be suffered to be common buyers of Corn, nor to sell meale, but to attend to the true grinding of the corn brought, and to vse measurable tolle these deare seasons.

be

be solde either in Corne or meale, but to charge them to continue the orderly vse of grinding al manner of Corne that shall be brought to them, in reasonable good sort, and vpon reasonable Tolle. And for better performance hereof, some of the Iustices not affectionated to ϕ Millers, shall sometime personallie themselves resort to the milles to ouersee the dooings of the saide Millers, and compel them to doe their dueties. And where none of the Iustices can as neede shalbe, weekly looke thereto personally, they shall appoint certaine honest persons weekly to attende thereto, & to enforce themselves of the poozer sort, howe they are vled in this time of dearth, for their grinding and their Tolle, and present the defaults to the Iustices, to bee speedily reformed with all due seueritie.

Conferences
to be had be-
twixt the
Iustices of
Peace in the
Shires, and
the principal
Officers of
Cities and
townes cor-
porate for
prouisions of
Grayne, for
the inhabi-
tants in Ci-
ties and
corporate
Townes.

Item, where there are within the circuit of any Shire, or thereto adioyning any Cities that are incorporated as Townes within themselves, or any other Townes incorporate, that haue by good aucthoritie Iustices of Peace of their owne inhabitantes, for that commonly such Cities and Townes haue there greatest number of householders that are no owners of Graine, but haue comon Bakers, & Brewers, must of necessitie buy & prouide their Corne or Meale at the Markets neere thereto, to serue all other the inhabitantes and resiants within the said Cities and Townes: for the prouision of all such Cities & Townes, it shalbe necessary that the Iustices of the Peace of the Shires next to the same Cities and Townes, shal haue a meeting and conference with the head Officers of the sayd Cities and Townes, howe and
in

in what good manner the Bakers and Brew-
 ers, and other householders that shall also haue
 neede to provide Corne or Meale for the neces-
 sarie vse of the priuate householdes, may be pro-
 uided at the Markets neere to the same. And
 after due conference had hereof, there shall bee
 by the Iustices of Peace, and the foresayd head
 Officers some good orders set downe, such as
 both may serue for the needefull vse of the same
 Townes and Cities, and also may not by abuse
 giue cause of raising of prices in the Markets
 and Countreies adioyning. And where there shal
 be adioyning to the same Cities & Townes, or
 not farre distant, diuers Shires, (as in many
 places such is the situation of them) there some
 of the Iustices of euery Shire so adioyning, or
 not farre distant, shall vse such conference and
 take such orders with the sayde Officers, as a-
 fore is mentioned. And in such cases the Iusti-
 ces of euery such Shire shalbe enformed mutu-
 ally from the one Shire vnto the other, of the
 needefull provisions to be made from time to
 time for the sayde Cities and Townes, so as
 euery Shire may proportionably yeelde reaso-
 nable succour and reliefe out of their Markets
 to the Purueiours, or to the Bakers & Brewers,
 as shalbe requisite without burthening of the
 one more then y other may reasonably beare.
 And if neede shall require, the foresayde princi-
 pall Officers shall not refuse to acquaint the
 Iustices, from whence the provision shall be
 bought and provided, howe such provisions so
 had and bought in Markets are spent, that by
 colour of such provisions no abuse be commit-

ted to encrease the prices, and so to leaue the poore vnable to be relieved.

Order for
places ex-
empted from
the Juris-
diction of the
Justices of
peace in the
bodies of
the Shires.

If there be any speciall part within any Shire, that hath as a Libertie by speciall Commissions any Justices of the Peace within the same, the Shirife of the Shire shall send vnto the principall owner or Officer of such Libertie, notice of these orders, and shall charge them that the Justices of the Peace within such Libertie doe their dueties for execution of all these orders, as farre forth as shalbe requisite, and therein also to vse by conference the aduice of some other Justices next adioyning.

Regard to
stay all traf-
portation of
Grayne out
of the realme.

That in all Counties maritime where Ports or Creekes are, by which any Corne may be caried out of the Realme, though also there are Commissioners appointed vnder the great Seale of Englande, to take care that no Corne be shipped or laden in any vessel to passe out of the Realme: Yet neuerthelesse, the Justices of the Peace that are not placed in that Commission, if they be no owners of Corne to sell, shall also vse their diligence to stay such lading of Corne, either in Portes or Creekes, or vpon any Riuer leading to the same. And if the foresayd Commissioners shall not do their dueties therein by authoritie of their Commission, then any other Justice by authoritie of these orders shall make stay of all such Transportation, and in his so doing, shalbe allowed and maintained. And this is thought meete to be in this sort directed, for that it may bee doubted, that amongst so many as are appointed in the foresaid Commission against transportation, some may be mistaken,

mistaken, being them selues either transporters, or friendes or fauourers to transporters, or negligent in the execution of the charge committed to them.

That the Iustices of the Peace doe once euery moneth certifie their doings & proceedings by force of these instructions vnto the Sherriffe of the saide Countie, in which certificate they shall also make certificate of such Iustices as shall be absent from any of these seruices, and the true cause of their absence, and shal also certifie the vsuall prices of all kindes of Graine in their Markets for that moneth past: Of all which the same Sherriffe shall certifie to the Priue Counsell without any delay, so as he do certifie once in euery fourtie dayes at the furthest, and so as also the default in any Justice that shall bee absent without necessarie cause, may bee duely considered, and reformed by aucthoritie of her Maiesties Counsell, as reason shall require, whereby such persons as are placed as Iustices for their credite, may not continue in those roumes wherein they shall be founde not disposed to attende such necessarie & godly seruices as this is, but that others of better disposition may supplie those roomes, if there shalbe neede of any such number, as in most places it is thought not very needefull, the number of late yeeres being in common opinion more hurtfull then profitable to Justice.

And if any shall offend against the true meaning of these instructions, or of any part thereof, or shall vse any sinister meane to the defraud

Certificate to be made of the execution of these Orders monthly to the Sherriffe, & he to certifie the same to the priue Counsell within euery xl. dayes.

To certifie what Iustices be absent from the seruice, that such as without iust excuse shal not attend, may be displaced, and their roomes, if there bee neede, supplied.

ding thereof, that such be severely punished according to the Lawes, and for such obstinate persons as shall not conformance themselves, the Justices shall at their pleasure binde them to appeare before the Queenes Maiesties Prīue Counsell by a day certaine, there to bee further dealt with by seuerer punishment, for the better ensample of all others.



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